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Fall Visitation

To visit every church with a team of trained workers is the goal of the Commission on Missions and the State Conference for this autumn season. Rev. Hugh Vernon White and Rev. Helen Street Ranney are being sent to the Pacific Coast by the national boards to assist. A training institute for workers will be held at First Congregational Church, Oakland, Monday, September 17th. Ten women, ten laymen, and ten pastors are expected. Following this training institute those churches which have requested it will receive a visit by a team of three, who will spend an evening in discussing the whole task of the church with the officers and heads of committees and organizations.

The purpose of this visitation is not to bring pressure to bear upon the churches for missionary giving, but to compare methods and ideas, to express a friendly interest in each other, and to make sure that the people who carry the responsibility in the local church understand something of the work being done and the problems being faced by the denomination and its agencies.

Mrs. Ranney and Dr. White will assist as team members, remaining in our territory until October 3rd, when they will go to Southern California. A schedule of speaking dates for Sundays and week days is being made in order to make the fullest possible use of their time.

It is hoped that nearly every church of the Bay region and some of the outlying churches will be visited before the State Conference, the remaining number to be cared for the last of October and the first part of November.

EDITOR LOOKS AT GENERAL COUNCIL

Certain actions and resolutions of the General Council at Oberlin have stirred up interest and comment, not to say concern and opposition, both within and without our fellowship. It has been said that Congregationalists have moved "definitely to the left", that they have gone "red", and that the Sons of the Pilgrims are no longer true Americans. Some people question the right of the General Council to speak for the church and their members, and at least one editorial writer has said that the only thing which a member of the Congregational Church can do who still believes in American institutions, is to sever his membership.

It is well to remind ourselves that this is not the first occasion that an attempt to interpret the religion of Jesus for "the times" has aroused opposition. It is recorded that one Jesus of Nazareth once died because he stirred up the people, and because Roman supremacy was thought to be threatened by His doctrine of the Kingdom of God.

Leaving that aside, and all discussion for the moment of the content of the Oberlin resolutions, or the aptness of the language in which they were clothed, there are two things to be remembered.

Fortunately or unfortunately, there is no council, conference or body of any sort which can commit churches or individuals for or against any plan or proposal. The independence of the local church and the right of private opinion has not been impaired. The General Council is just what it is,—a body of ministers and lay people elected by associations and conferences to transact our common business, to gain and bring back to the churches help and inspiration, and to express what they think the mind of the church is or ought to be. If they do not correctly interpret the sentiment of the people back home,—well, could anybody do it better? Is there any living soul that can represent the mind of even one little church about any question under the sun? If, perchance, the action seems too radical, may not that be a sign of life and progress? God deliver us from the day when our prophets have no new word to say to us, no new step to urge!

There is one other fact to be remembered. The corollary of the right of the individual to discover and teach truth as he sees it, is not only my right and your right, but the right of the fellow with whom we disagree. One who visited Oberlin must be impressed with the great number of young men of promise and proven ability who are determined to "take Jesus in earnest" and to begin NOW to make this world into His kind of a world. In undertaking it, it is inevitable that mistakes will be made, and some of us will be annoyed and perhaps embarrassed. But we should thank God for them and rejoice that we have them, and give our support to them. The least that we can do is to remember that the Congregational fellowship is still big enough for widely different points of view,—the point of view of the other fellow who is earnest and sincere, as well as our own. Because of this historical spirit of tolerance we have not broken up in times of stress as some of our sister denominations have, and we will not do so now. We are many members with many ideas and functions, but all one body in Christ. **HARLEY H. GILL.**

STATE OFFICERS PLAN GREAT CONFERENCE

Plans are on foot for one of the most fruitful and inspiring State Conference meetings which has been held in recent years. Rev. Hubert C. Herring of New York, whose address at the General Council, and whose advocacy of the Council for Social Action, has brought him so prominently before the public, will be our guest. He will deliver two addresses and lead one forum. Rev. Carl S. Patton, former moderator of the General Council, will give the opening message on Tuesday afternoon. It is expected that Chester H. Rowell will be one of the speakers at the banquet. There will be round table discussions on missionary education, church organization, and materials for teaching religion to children.

The fall meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held in connection with the Conference, at which addresses will be given by Mrs. William Palmer Lucas and Rev. Noel J. Breed.

As in former years, the registration fee will be $1.00 each, and quotas will be sent out to the churches. In this way the mileage pool for ministers will be provided.

The Conference will open Tuesday, October 16th, at 2:00 p. m., and will close with a dinner on Thursday evening, October 18th. First Congregational Church, San Francisco, will be the entertaining church.

Cacoypa Visits Chinatown

On Saturday evening, August 25, members of the Chinese Young People's Society were hosts to the other societies comprising West Bay Cacoypa. After a brief meeting at the church, at which Miss Alice Fong presided, the group was guided on an extensive tour of Chinatown, including visits to the telephone exchange, Mandarin Theatre, Four Families' Clubrooms, Kang Chow Temple, and many other interesting places. The evening concluded with a repast at the Shanghai Low Cafe. Participants voted the Chinese group perfect hosts, and agreed that the evening served to promote fellowship with and understanding of our Chinese friends and their customs.

EASTBAY Y. P. RALLY

An East Bay young people's rally is being held at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, on Friday, September 7th. Dinner will be served at seven o'clock, which will be followed by a brief business meeting and a good time.

World Service Programs By Miss Helen Perkins

World Service programs for Congregational Sunday Schools for the autumn season have just been received from the Congregational Education Society. These programs are in line with the mission study courses for the year, which are on Japan and the Oriental in America.

In Northern California we are especially happy because the materials for intermediate and senior departments are prepared by Miss Helen M. Perkins, a member of our own Conference Board of Directors. Miss Perkins has gathered together and presented in exceedingly interesting fashion a vast amount of material regarding Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos in America. It is hoped that every Sunday School which is enrolled as a World Service school will make the best use of this splendid material, and that other Sunday Schools will not delay their enrollment. The Conference office will be glad to furnish information as to programs and requirements for World Service Sunday Schools.

MODOC-TRINITY CAMP

The Modoc-Trinity Young People's Conference was held during the month of June at the usual place, near Fall River Mills. A total of thirty were in attendance, including delegations from Likely, Alturas, Lookout, Adin, Bieber, and Weaverville. The faculty consisted of Miss Mary Coxhead, Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace, and Rev. James Salmon. This was the third year and was more successful than the previous two. A goodly sum of money remains from the camp to help in the next year's expenses. Great credit is due Rev. Westwood Wallace, who has been the chief promoter since its beginning.

Friends of Rev. Benjamin St. John will regret to hear of an injury suffered in an automobile accident recently, but will be glad to know that there is real progress and improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Gordon of Niles have a new comer in their home in the person of Philip Eugene, born on August 13th.

Oberlin Delegates

Northern California was amply represented at the Oberlin meeting of the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. Champlin of Pittsburg, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Price of San Francisco, Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland of Alameda, Rev. and Mrs. Herman F. Swartz of Berkeley, Rev. and Mrs. Harley H. Gill and daughter Elizabeth of Berkeley, Rev. J. H. McCartney of San Leandro, Rev. R. C. Waddell of Petaluma, Rev. George E. Atkinson of Sebastopol, Mr. C. M. Doxsee of Redwood City, Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi, Rev. H. S. Mahood of Santa Cruz, Rev. Cornelius Richert of Fresno, and Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento.

Rev. Gail Cleland was named as a member of the Commission on Church Attendance, of which Mr. Roger Babson is chairman; Rev. Noel J. Breed was made a member of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life; Rev. Lawrence Wilson was elected a member of the new Council for Social Action; and Mrs. C. T. Tinker was made a member of the Commission on Stewardship. Several Northern California people are also holdover members on some of the commissions.

ASILOMAR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPECIAL NUMBER

This Issue goes to young people's society counsellors and to Asilomar Delegates. See material on page two for discussion in meetings

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"The Best Yet"

In spite of the infantile paralysis scare, the Asilomar Young People's Conference was a decided success. Only one week before it opened, serious consideration was given to dropping it entirely. It was finally decided that letters should be sent out to those who had registered and to the churches from which they were to come, giving the reports of the Board of Health and putting the responsibility for sending the young people on parents and local churches. This resulted in some cancellations. The registrar's figures were as follows: High School boys, 33; High School girls, 33; College boys, 39; College girls, 59; a total of 164 young people for the entire period. In addition there were 18 part time students, besides guests, counsellors, and faculty members, bringing the total attendance up to 216.

It was the unanimous opinion of those who have been in touch with our conferences for a number of years that the program was one of the best we have had, well balanced and of a uniformly high order. The spirit of the young people has improved with each passing year and problems of discipline have grown less and less frequent. A choice of two or three classes was given to both High School and College young people for each of the four periods of study. The evening services of worship were under the direction of the class in Worship, led by Rev. T. T. Giffen, chaplain. Lack of space prevents individual mention of all the classes and faculty members. It seems appropriate, however, to call attention to the work of Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi, the director, who arranged the program; Rev. J. H. Price of San Francisco, who promoted the attendance and edited the daily paper entitled the Cacoypa News; Rev. Williston Wirt, who provided means and plans for recreation; Mrs. Lowell Redfield, who was in charge of music; and Louis Neumann, the president of the Cacoypa, who furnished leadership of a very high order.

In reply to the many inquiries we are able to state that plans are on foot for the re-opening of the Asilomar grounds under the auspices of a local California committee. As to the place of next year's meeting no decision will be reached until after the Religious Education Committee is appointed following the coming state Conference.

The new Cacoypa officers, elected at Asilomar, are Miss Wilma F. Conn, Fresno, president; Robert Cleland, Alameda, vice president; Miss Zelda Long, Alameda, Secretary.

CACOYPA Y. P. SPEAK ON WAR

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at a business meeting of the California Congregational Young People's Association while in session at Asilomar. It will be of interest to our readers not only because it reflects the attitude of our young people, but embraces the resolution passed by the General Council at Oberlin:

As a body of Christian young people, we, the members of the California Congregational Young People's Association, do hereby make the following resolution:

We believe that a proper loyalty to Jesus Christ lays upon us the inescapable obligation to do away with war, and to find a better way for the settlement of international disputes and quarrels. We believe that the western world must destroy war or war wil ldestroy us. Therefore, insofar as we are able to speak for the young people of the Congregational churches of Northern California, we hereby declare that we are through with war. We renounce the war system with all its works and ways. And we engage to seek, both for ourselves and for our country, for truly Christian modes of settlement of international strife and discord.

We heartily endorse the action of the General Council of Congregational Churches in passing their resolution and we hereby adopt that resolution as our own:

1. Resolved to authorize and commit to the Council for Social Action the taking of a plebiscit eof our denomination to determine the mind of our people along the general line of the following four positions, or others:

(a) I will support any war declared by my government.

(b) I will support war only if convinced that the government has done everything possible to prevent war.

(c) Reserving the right of national defense by such means as seem to me most effective and in accordance with my conscience, I further pledge not to cross the boundary of my country to invade any other person's homeland to kill and destroy.

(d) I am determined not to support any kind of war, international or civil.

2. The cleavage between the way of Jesus and the system of war is clear. We are convinced that we must now make this declaration: "The church renounces war!" The mind of the church has moved to this solemn conviction.

3. In the face of the system of compulsory military training maintained in our high schools and colleges and universities, we affirm our convictions concerning the right of all students to be conscientious objectors on religious or ethical grounds and we pledge to our Congregational and Christian young people our support.

CODE FOR CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE APPROVED

The following is a code of Christian conduct for young people presented to and adopted by the Congregational young people meeting at Asilomar. This code was worked out in one of the classes and was offered to the Conference by the young people themselves:

We, as Christian young people, believing wholeheartedly in the teachings and spirit of Jesus Christ, feel that as Christian young people we should:

1. Realize the vitality of our religion and carry it over into life.

2. Have the utmost consideration for others and their rights in all matters.

3. Recognize the sacredness and beauty of the relationship of man and woman and do nothing to degrade or destroy this bond.

4. Govern our lives so that there shall be nothing which will impair or detract from our self-respect or serve to deprive ourselves and others of the fullness of Christian living.

5. Maintain our individuality regardless of the action of the crowd where the integrity of our ideals and principles are concerned.

In view of these Christian principles, we recognize as wrong that which is contrary to conscience; that which hurts, defrauds, or exploits others; that which keeps one from living his best; and that which interferes with one's allegiance to or vision of the ideal.

CHINESE YOUNG PEOPLE MEET AT TAHOE

The Chinese Young People's Christian Conference met at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, August 5th to 12th, with 85 delegates. Chinese young people came from the Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Congregational, Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian denominations, and from the University of California, Stanford University, University of Southern California, University of Hawaii, College of the Pacific, and San Francisco State Teachers' College.

Ira C. Lee was the chairman of the conference for the second time, and Miss Alice Fong and Lim P. Lee served as conference vice-chairmen. The conference is under the official auspices of the Chinese Students' Christian Association, Western Department, the Chinese Epworth League Alliance of California, and the Union Christian Fellowship Council of San Francisco.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Hon. Chen Chang-lok, J. D., Consul-General of the Republic of China at San Francisco. Dr. Chen delivered four addresses on the contemporary problems of China. The evening vespers were led by Rev. Jesse H. Baird, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Calif.

President Tully C. Knoles, LL.D., College of the Pacific, delivered two lectures on "College Man and Society," and led two forums on campus problems. Professor George H. Colliver, S. T. B., taught two conference courses (1) Life and Personality of Jesus, (2) Prophets of the Old Testament. Dr. Philip F. Payne taught the course on Modern Christian Missions. Forums were led by Dr. Theodore Lee, a Baptist layman; Miss Alice Fong, Conference vice-chairman, and T. Y. Tang, executive secretary of the San Francisco Chinese Y. M. C. A. Rev. Harley H. Gill taught two classes on the Social Teachings of Jesus, and delivered the conference sermon.

A resolution put the Chinese Young People's Conference on record as in favor of a Union Church for the Chinese community of San Francisco, and a committee set up to study the project and report its findings to the 1935 conference.

$2,000 Less

Thirty churches have done better in their benevolence remittances to the end of August, 1935, than the corresponding period a year ago. Hats off to them! It is an encouraging sign and the Boards and the Conference appreciate this demonstration of loyalty tremendously. On the other hand it must be noted that thirty churches have sent in less than the corresponding period a year ago, and they are for the most part our heaviest givers, so that the net result for the first eight months of the year is $2,000 less than for the corresponding period a year ago. This is all the more serious when we remember that the bank moratorium, which tied up funds for our churches and members together with certain bank failures, came in this period of 1933, when we surely thought that the bottom had been reached in benevolence giving. Perhaps some of our larger churches have been somewhat neglectful during the summer, and that September will be one of our banner months. Let us hope and pray and work that this may be true, and that we shall close the year with an increase over 1933.

	June 1 to Aug. 31 1934	Jan. 11 to Aug. 31 1934	Jan 11 to Aug. 31 1933
Adin .....$	40.96	$ 89.04	$ 41.43
Alameda ...	——	68.31	98.81
Alturas ...	——	13.00	8.50
Angels Camp	——	25.00	40.00
Antioch	9.93	21.76	19.77
Auburn	20.00	20.00	18.50
Benecia	——	27.00	7.00
Berkeley:			
First	1,935.00	4,515.50	4,516.00
North ...	154.00	282.00	571.30
Park	27.20	57.20	35.35
Campbell ...	10.00	160.00	190.00
Ceres	——	33.56	39.54
Cloverdale...	11.70	41.47	62.50
Cotati	31.50	41.00	55.45
Crockett ...	9.75	22.25	54.95
Eureka	30.00	126.00	55.05
Fairfax	35.00	55.00	40.00
Ferndale ...	59.01	137.26	190.42
Fowler	——	10.00	10.00
Fresno:			
First	89.08	347.20	121.60
Pilgrim ..	——	9.25	——
Glen Ellen .		1.00	——
Kenwood ...	8.45	17.15	16.13
Likely	——	1.32	——
Lodi: First.	100.00	380.00	530.00
Martinez ...	——	32.50	22.10
Murphy	——	40.00	40.00
Oakland:			
Calvary ..	——	5.00	——
First	1,006.25	2,525.75	3,636.45
Fruitvale.	10.00	11.00	4.00
Pilgrim ..	——	5.00	——
Plymouth.	60.00	310.75	503.50
Oroville	——	100.00	——
Pacific Grove	89.40	241.95	253.45
Palo Alto ..	150.00	410.00	500.00
Paradise 10.00		40.00	53.00
Petaluma ..	65.20	358.52	463.17
Pittsburg ..	14.00	32.50	34.88
Portervlile.	——	19.50	15.00
Redwood City	75.00	175.00	235.00
Reedley	——	14.00	——
Ripon	15.00	47.50	40.00
Sacramento.	160.00	307.05	442.00
Salida	20.00	20.00	7.00
San Carlos..	15.00	25.00	——
San Francisco:			
Bethany-Mission Pk.	29.50	116.63	135.50
Calvary ..	——	——	10.00
First	302.40	580.73	912.05
Ocean View	22.00	22.00	5.00
Richmond	——	9.50	33.00
San Jose ...	170.00	435.00	503.95
San Leandro:			
Broadmoor	51.13	125.58	——
San Rafael .	——	31.50	——
Santa Cruz .	225.00	390.00	426.00
Santa Rosa .	28.51	97.86	125.44
Saratoga ...	10.00	225.00	250.00
Sebastopol .	43.75	134.72	87.26
Sonoma	20.00	37.15	65.00
Soquel	3.00	18.00	14.00
Stockton ...	166.10	438.42	502.29
Suisun	——	47.00	30.00
Sunol	——	30.00	——
Sunnyvale..	——	——	11.90
Tulare	120.00	185.00	110.00
Weaverville	18.77	48.77	33.75
Woodside ...	31.50	36.50	73.00
Reno, Nev. .	92.86	182.31	215.53
Miscellaneous	137.78	308.85	245.39
	$5,823.73	$14,722.81	$16,760.91

October 16-18—State Conference, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Early in August this church celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the coming of Rev. M. G. Papazian as pastor. Nearly three hundred persons were present, and representatives of all organizations of the church gave reminiscences of the past two decades. Mr. Papazian is the only pastor in our Conference who has been twenty years in his present church. During his pastorate the parish has increased from 75 to 200 families, in spite of the fact that during the depression more than 100 families have moved away. A total of 381 members have been received into the church, and 377 children were baptized. A total of nearly $49,000 has been contributed to benevolences and missions. A splendid church building and parsonage were purchased for $100,000 and entirely paid for.

The churches in the Northern California Conference join with Pilgrim Church in wishing for many years of this relationship.

During his vacation Mr. Papazian visited Alaska as a member of the State Endeavor tour. He reports a trip thoroughly enoyable with congenial companions.

SANTA CRUZ—A mid-summer reception, welcoming Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mahood home from their vacation trip in the East, was attended by about 150 persons. The program was turned over to the pastor and wife, who told interestingly of their trip. Mr. Mahood spoke of the visits made to cities formerly served as pastor. The Black Hills, the Crystal Cave, Yellowstone Park, and Lake Tahoe were beautifully described by Mrs. Mahood. During their absence the rooms on the second floor of the parsonage had been redecorated.

SACRAMENTO. The eight-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church will be held on Sunday, September 16th. Superintendent Harley H. Gill, former pastor of the church, will preach the sermon. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, visited the Tennessee Valley enroute to the General Council, where he made a first-hand study of the project under the direction of the Tennessee Valley authorities. He also spent several days in San Francisco during the strike investigating the underlying difficulties.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. An intermediate Christian Endeavor society has been organized. Every second Sunday evening an illustrated Bible study has been used, with beautiful lantern slides. A weekly church paper has been launched. The 1500th anniversary of the Armenian version of the Bible was celebrated. Rev. M. G. Papazian of Fresno gave the principal address on that occasion. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Champlin not only attended the General Council at Oberlin and the graduation of their son, Malcolm, from Annapolis Naval Academy, but visited friends and relatives in various parts of the east and middlewest, driving a total of about 9,000 miles by auto.

KENWOOD. Rev. Frank E. Boren, pastor, has been ill for the past month, spending some weeks in a San Francisco hospital, but is reported as making satisfactory progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. The eighty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church was celebrated on Sunday, July 29th. President Aurelia Henry Reinhart, who was brought up in the old Plymouth Church, which is now a part of First Church, preached the sermon. An historical statement was read of Mr. H. L. Van Winkle. During the summer the pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, has been taking his vacation by exchanging pulpits with a number of our pastors, among them Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, Rev. Gail Cleland, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, and Rev. Willard B. Thorp.

FAIRFAX. After many months of suggestion and education on the part of the pastor, Rev. James W. Price, the trustees have undertaken a thorough-going every-member canvass. Careful preparation has been made by the adoption of a budget, by letters mailed to the constituency, and by the organization of teams of workers. A play entitled "Fairfax Community Church Resolves to Play the Game" was used with real success in enlisting workers and training them. The canvass is going forward just as The Pacific goes to press. In the opinion of the pastor the Sunday School, while no larger than some time ago, is doing better work in every respect.

SAN CARLOS—A thoroughgoing religious census of the community is going forward. A large committee has divided the city into districts and a call will be made at every house and a record taken of church preferences and the number in the family. A cordial invitation will be extended to participate in the activities of the church and an opportunity afforded to subscribe to the budget. Following the vacation period the Sunday School has resumed, with an attendance of seventy. Rev. Reed B. Cherington is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Rev. E. W. Benedict, the pastor, has introduced a new type of worship service, without announcements from beginning to end. The sermon meditations are to be fifteen minutes in length, carrying out the worship theme. For the month of September "The Quest for God" will be the theme, the various Sundays being devoted to "The Communion Service," "Worship," "Loyalty," "Silence," and "Love."

OAKLAND, FIRST. Seventeen new members, sixteen of them by confession of faith, were received on the first Sunday in June, just as The Pacific went to press. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, pastor, is hard at work after a pleasant vacation in his new summer home near Phillips.

COTATI. The vacation school, lasting two weeks, was very successful. Fifty-eight children from 6 to 14 years of age were enrolled, with 99 per cent attendance. Mr. Milton Gabrielson is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, who is in charge of the work of this church, has had many guest speakers in the pulpit during the summer. Eight new members were admitted into fellowship on Sunday, August 19th.

SUISUN. Mr. E. N. Eager, for many years the devoted and efficient clerk of this church, was called to his reward during this past summer. For fifty years he had been a resident of Solano County, during a large part of which time he was county engineer and surveyor. Throughout this period he was a faithful worker in the church, making it his business to attend almost every Association and Conference meeting as a delegate. Of him the local newspaper said: "He was a man whom everyone loved. He had the qualities we refer to as those of a Christian gentleman, absolute honor and integrity, gentle and kindly, with a delightful sense of humor. He brought a rare enthusiasm and joy to his work and to life."

TRINITY COUNTY. The first Vacation Bible School ever held in Weaverville was conducted by the pastor, Rev. James Salmon, with assistance of local leaders. The theme of the school was a study of foreign work in China. An effort was made to understand Chinese life and character through preparation of stage scenery, scrap books, and paper flowers. Six young people attended the Modoc-Trinity conference and one the Asilomar conference. The pastor took his vacation by visiting his old home in Buffalo, N. Y.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Westwood Wallace of Adin has been called as pastor of this church and takes up his duties beginning with the second Sunday of September. Prior to his service in Modoc County, Mr. Wallace supplied a number of weeks at Cloverdale, Calif., and was pastor of the Alki Church in Seattle. Mrs. Wallace, who is an ordained minister of the Disciples Church, was formerly a missionary of that denomination in China. They are taking up their work in Santa Rosa with great enthusiasm.

HAYWARD—This church is happy in the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Godfrey Matthews to take up the work laid down during the summer by Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Day. Mr. Matthews is well known in Northern California, having been the pastor of the Mission Park Church in San Francisco some years ago and active in our fellowship of churches and ministers. His latest pastorate was at Prescott, Arizona. His many friends will be glad to have him located again in the Bay Area.

OAKLAND, CALVARY. The young people's choir is a very wide-awake organization. A new Bible class for the Sunday School has been formed. An athletic night was sponsored by the young men and boys, showing movies of their recent track meet. Monthly luncheons are increasing in popularity. The church is preparing for a strong winter program. Mr. Cyil M. Hicks is the pastor.

RIPON. This church was represented at the Asilomar Young People's Conference and the Christian Endeavor Convention. Two young people and one adult were received into membership on confession of faith during June. Rev. E. L. Spuller is the pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. Norman B. Henderson, pastor, who was seriously ill during the summer, is reported as greatly improved and hopes to resume active work not later than October first.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, pastor, has been made chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Constructive Economy, recently created by the City Council. The functions of this board, as outlined by Mr. Pendleton, are as follows: (1) Achieve economies without sacrifice of essential service or loss of efficiency. (2) Study local problems for the information of the entire citizenry by displacing rumors with facts and figures. (3) Study special problems referred to it by the City Council. (4) Consider proposals which may be submitted by citizens. (5) Co-ordinate all civic and service organizations in behalf of worthy public enterprises.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Successful vacation schools were conducted at both Murphys and Angels Camp, thirty-seven being enrolled in the former place and forty-seven in the latter. Young people's work in both places is promising. Five young people attended the Asilomar conference. Mr. Glenn Corbin, who was called to this field in May, will appear before an ecclesiastical council as a candidate for ordination on Thursday, September 13th.

PARADISE. Rev. E. P. Shier, the pastor, presided at the very happy event of the marriage of Miss Iva Charlton and Mr. Oren T. Collett, both of whom are faithful members and workers in the church and Sunday School. A contest among the eleven classes of the Church School has increased attendance and stimulated interest. Credit on the percentage basis has been given for attendance at church and school, bringing new scholars, visitors, preparation of lessons, and having lesson helps or Bible in hand.

PACIFIC GROVE. The August meeting of the Missionary Society was held at Asilomar during the M. E. M. Conference. Classes were attended in the morning and a basket lunch enjoyed at noon. The Woman's Association raised sixty per cent of the church bank note by July first, which was ten per cent more than expected for that time of the year. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Mr. Raymond L. Cramer, who has served this church for the past three years, and who soon expects to take up religious work in Southern California, has resigned and is devoting his entire time for a few weeks to Ambrose. Mr. Ervin Byrne, a student at the Pacific School of Religion, has been asked to supply the church for a month, looking toward a more permanent arrangement.

SOQUEL. New lighting fixtures have been installed in the auditorium, the former ones being placed in the freshly papered and painted church hall. A two-week Vacation Bible School was held. The Home Department of the Sunday School has 24 members, under the care of the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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Oberlin Echoes

The Executive Meeting of the Woman's Federation was held August 16, with our President, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, presiding, and was almost wholly devoted to the hearing of reports from the Council meetings at Oberlin.

Mrs. C. C. Champlin of Pittsburg gave the "High Lights of Oberlin" in a most fascinating way. With her the women beheld the opening of the Council with its routine of registrations and dormitory assignments. Bits of Oberlin scenery, campus and vicinity were described, with the thousands of Japanese lanterns and other illumin ations of the grounds for the night programs. The ten seminars, held simultaneously each day, were mentioned, with their well prepared and admirably carried out schedules. Mrs. Champlin spoke particularly and with great enthusiasm of the Avery Singers from the A. M. A. School in Charleston, South Carolina; of a marvelous violinist, the "Kreisler" of the colored folk;" and of the compelling addresses and strong personalities of Miss Margaret Slattery, Miss Helen Murray, Rev. Hubert Herring, and Rev. C. S. Patton. Most impressive, she said, was the candlelight service of the National Sorority sponsored by Miss Ruth Seabury, as well as the pageant and re-consecration service in Finney Chapel.

This National Sorority (Congregational) Sigma Eta Chi, is composed of University girls whose aim is a fellowship for spiritual growth, and has some of the outstanding women in the country as honorary members.

Our next delegate, Mrs. Harley H. Gill, reported on missions, touching many points upon which our women should be vitally interested. She said the Council especially emphasized the value of Kobe College with its higher education for Japanese women. This college must be kept as a type to represent western culture and friendship of the American people. The Japanese church in the city is practically self-supporting, the country church alone needing the help of the American Board.

The new ten year plan adopted pledges $8,500.00 to the Japanese mission until 1941, then $3,500.00 more until the year 1944. After that the work will be in the hands of the native administrators and self-supporting. Women missionaries are in greater demand than men because of their greater interest in home economics, child welfare, kindergarten, and social serivce, all of which stress the Christ life by example as well as by words.

In India we find the natives confusing our denominations and creeds and asking for a united Christianity. The main difficulty today in mission work is to be found in the competition of various sects. Missionaries are trying to overcome this by not going into a field already occupied by another denomination. The key note, as given by Dr. F. F. Goodsell, is not to stress OUR work and OUR mission, but HOW CAN WE BEST HELP THE PEOPLE?

In regard to race relations, the case of Miss Mary Branch, president of Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, was cited. Miss Branch has many titles, President, Reverend, Professor, and Doctor, but the local whites refuse to address her even as Miss.

A Mr. Mason, the most talented musician ever graduated from Oberlin, a violinist, is barred from playing in the South because of race prejudice. Men and women of the Negro race of education and ability must be helped to earn an honest and decent living.

SOCIAL ACTION

The Council for Social Action, selected at Oberlin, was considered a step of far reaching significance, comparable to the organization of our great missionary and benevolent societies. Its purpose is to make the Christian gospel more effective through research, education, and action, while it is to have a standing similar to that of the American or Home Boards.

Some objection was raised to the taking of $60,000 annually from the missionary budget. Dr. Fred Goodsell in his usual calm dispassionate and Christian way of meeting issues told the Council that although this plan would doubtless necessitate recalling missionaries, unless we establish right relations, social, political, and economic at home, we would not have the face to send out any missionaries to the foreign field in the future.

Notes

Mrs. J. H. Price, our indefatigable Secretary for Young People, reported 28 churches represented at Asilomar, 216 delegates, and $24 brought in through the use of the Cent-A-Meal boxes.

Mrs. Ernest Evans reported a large group of missionaries sailing on the President Coolidge, among them some of our own American Board missionaries, Dr. Lucian Porter who has been lecturing in Berkeley this summer, from North China, and Miss Bertha Allen of Foochow. Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Galt, also from China, and formerly missionaries of First Church, San Francisco, arrived earlier in the summer for their furlough. Mrs. Evans reported Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur are now located at Taiku in the Shansi Mission.

Among the familiar faces seen in the past at our meetings and whom of late we have sorely missed are Mrs. H. C. Holcomb, Mrs. W. G. Lenfesty, Mrs. Norman Pendleton, Miss Grace Barnard, and Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach. To each one we send our most cordial greetings and hope soon to have them back with us.

Dr. Carlton R. Ball, of the Bureau of Public Administration of the University of California, will be our speaker September 20, on "Social Action as the Basis of Missionary Effort." Dr. Ball came to the University four years ago from Washington, D. C., as a research professor for the Rockefeller Foundation. He is an excellent speaker, forceful, logical, and greatly in demand. Above all he is an earnest Christian, willing to spend and be spent in the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the world.

A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Anna Gillman, the experienced and efficient secretary at the Congregational Headquarters, who met with a serious automobile accident in July.

Miss Thelan Ordained

In response to an invitation by the First Congregational Church of Berkeley an ecclesiastical council of churches and ministers was convened on August 29th for the purpose of examining and ordaining Miss Mary Frances Thelan. Miss Thelan is a graduate of the University of California and of Union Theological Seminary, New York. She has served in various capacities in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, and for two years was in charge of the music at the Asilomar Young People's Conference. Her statement of religious experience and belief was of an extraordinarily high character and drew from the council unanimous and enthusiastic approval of her desire to be a minister.

At the ordination service which followed, Rev. T. T. Giffin presided; Rev. Williston Wirt read the Scripture; Rev. Gail Cleland preached the ordination sermon, taking as his subject, "An Ambassador in Bonds;" Rev. Robert F. Leavens, a former pastor of Miss Thelan, gave the charge; and Rev. Miles B. Fisher extended the right hand of fellowship. Rev. O. W. S. McCall offered the ordination prayer, following the partaking of the communion by the candidate.

Miss Thelan will return to Union Seminary for some additional work before entering upon the active service of the ministry.

Stewart Locke Ordained

On the evening of September 4th, an ecclesiastical council convened at the Ocean View Church of San Francisco, and, at the request of the church, proceeded to examine the pastor, Mr. Stewart E. Locke, as to his fitness for the ministry. Following Mr. Locke's statement, the council engaged in a long period of careful questioning the result of which was the decision to ordain. At the service which followed, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, moderator, presided; Rev. Elmer W. Benedict read the Scripture; Rev. Carl S. Patton preached the sermon; Rev. H. F. Swartz offered the ordaining prayer; Rev. Gail Cleland gave the charge to the pastor; Rev. Jason Noble Pierce gave the charge to the people; and Rev. Tom Watt extended the right hand of fellowship.

Mr. Locke has been pastor at Ocean View for a year, and the church bore testimony to the esteem in which he is held by many expressions of appreciation of his work, and by the gift of a Bible. Mr. Locke is a grandson of Rev. William Locke, who for many years was a missionary pastor in California churches, and he is a nephew of Dr. Alma Locke Cooke, a missionary in China.

SEBASTOPOL. The parsonage has been completely remodeled, with partitions, doors, and windows changed, new electric fixtures and redecoration for the entire house. A modern home, complete in every way, is the result. Rev. George E. Atkinson, pastor, believes that he has a united church and a fine group of dependable workers.

SONOMA. This church is happy in the coming of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Day, formerly of Hayward. Mr. Day has had many years of successful experience, both in California and the northwest. It is freely predicted by those who know him that the Sonoma church will have in him a most successful pastor.

George F. Kenngott

Word has reached our office, indirectly from two sources, of the death of Rev. George F. Kenngott, D. D., at his home in Los Angeles, on or about August 25th. Readers of the Pacific will remember that for some years, Dr. Kenngott prepared two pages of material for this paper, and since his retirement from the superintendency of the Southern California Conference he has contributed articles from time to time.

Biographical information is not at hand at the moment of going to press, but in writing of such a man as Dr. Kenngott it is not necessary. His strength of character and achievements were such that a recital of honors received or positions held are of little consequence. Under his leadership the churches and the Conference in Southern California kept pace with the great growth of wealth and population in those rapidly expanding districts and cities. He was recognized throughout the denomination, from coast to coast, as a wise counsellor and a statesman. He was a man of amazing energy and an almost unlimited capacity for hard work. In addition to caring for the administrative work in his office, he drove his automobile an average of 25,000 miles a year. While doing this, he kept himself religiously at his studies, being not only a great administrator but an authority in sociology and a preacher of power.

The strain of all this finally took its toll and following a severe illness he resigned the superintendency of the Southern California Conference about four years ago. Since that time he has spent the months quietly, seeking to recover his health but keeping abreast of the times by much reading.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR INJURED

Readers of the Pacific have doubtless learned of the accident suffered by Mrs. Anna L. Gillman, office secretary and associate editor of the Pacific. Mrs. Gillman was returning from a Baptist Summer Assembly at Lake Tahoe on July 27th. The bus in which 28 people were traveling turned over on the grade above Placerville. Mrs. Gillman was the only one seriously injured. Both arms were fractured, but fortunately she escaped other serious effects. She has been in Highland Hospital, Oakland, suffering a good deal of pain, but is making as rapid progress as can be expected. It will be many weeks before she will be able to resume her duties. She wishes to express to her many friends through the columns of the Pacific her gratitude for the many kindnesses shown. Miss Edith Clark of the Ocean View Congregational Church is assisting in the office during Mrs. Gillman's absence.

ADIN. The resignation of Rev. Westwood Wallace, who has been pastor nearly three years, has been accepted with regret, but with good wishes as he enters his new field of labor at Santa Rosa. The church has unanimously called as pastor, Rev. A. W. Monosmith of Eagle Butte, South Dakota. It is expected that he will take up his new duties about October first. Mr. Monosmith has been very successful in two larger parishes. He understands the problems of rural people, having at one time been soil expert under the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Monosmith will serve Nubieber as well as Adin, and will look after Sunday Schools in other parts of Big Valley.